

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2012**

**The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, August 27, 2012, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. In the absence of Chairman Bento, Vice-Chair Paul Silva called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 PM.**

**Present: Paul Silva, Vice-Chair, Karen A. Lynch, Secretary, Diana B. Campbell, Marjorie J. McBride, Susan Rancourt and John P. Saviano; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration and Finance; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; Leslie J. Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor**

**Absent: Denise Arsenault, John C. Bento and Bill O'Dell**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

**All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC FORUM**

**None**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mrs. Campbell asked to remove the Assistant Superintendent's report and the Director of Technology's report from the consent agenda for further discussion.**

**MOTION: Mr. Saviano motioned to accept request to remove the Assistant Superintendent's report and the Director of Technology's report from the consent agenda; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.**

**Mrs. Campbell requested an update on how the E2T2 Mini Grant training was going with the following questions: How was it received? How will it impact students? What are the standards involved? How will teachers use it? Mr. Andrade reported that over a two week period, teams of teachers from each elementary school participated in a four day professional development series to cultivate their use of technology in the classroom. The grant which used to come out of RIDE, this year was provided through Title II funds where each elementary school received a laptop cart. Mr. Andrade thanked the staff for providing 50 new laptops. Not many people were aware of the technology available to them. After completion of this Technology Integration training mini course, the participants will be**

able to enhance and improve student learning through the use of Technology Integration. Ultimately, this will raise student awareness and develop teacher's experience. The teachers felt the curriculum was high quality. Mrs. Campbell commented that the use of technology will facilitate critical thinking. Mrs. Campbell would like to ask the chair to include as a future School Committee Workshop agenda item an invitation to those students who have benefited from this technology based teaching to come in and demonstrate how they use it. Mrs. Campbell thanked the Director of Technology for teaching this program.

**MOTION:** Mrs. McBride motioned to seal the minutes to the July 16, 2012 and August 14, 2012 Executive Sessions; Mrs. Campbell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

**MOTION:** Mr. Saviano motioned to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Mrs. Thies wanted to state again the rich talent pool that has been tapped into for the personnel recommendations this school year. She took the opportunity to welcome publicly Trisha Minnella who was in the audience. Ms. Minnella brings to the district 12 years of experience as a kindergarten teacher. She has a master's degree. Ms. Minnella will be a kindergarten teacher at Hugh Cole School. Mr. Saviano also personally welcomed her. Mrs. Campbell commented

how wonderful it is to have so many new people into the district bringing new ideas and experiences.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES #S2012-37**

### **BUDGET FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mrs. Campbell had nothing to report at this time, but did ask for an update from Mr. Simmons on the summer projects. Mr. Simmons reported that the summer projects are finished. Last year's graduating class gifted monies to pay for half of the cost of painting the lockers purple. This work has been completed. The floors have also been painted. Committee members who have seen the above mentioned finished work said everything looks fantastic. Mrs. Silva reported that there was a set of lockers delivered that were not the ones that were originally ordered. The company is allowing the school to use the lockers that were delivered at no cost until the incorrect order gets replaced.

### **POLICY/ COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mrs. Lynch stated that the next Policy Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th, where the Wellness Policy will be on that agenda.

## **PERSONNEL/ CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. Saviano stated negotiations with Council 94 are still going on and moving along better than they were. Another meeting is scheduled for this Thursday evening. Meetings at this point are being held weekly.**

## **WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

**Mrs. Campbell stated they will likely be having their first meeting at the end of September. During that meeting, goals for the upcoming year will be discussed as well as setting a date for Wellness Week. She extended an invitation to those present to join the Wellness team where parents and members of the district are welcome.**

## **CHAIRPERSON'S INITIATIVES**

**The Chair was not present.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES**

**Recommendation #S2012-36 A-F: Consent Agenda - Personnel**

**A. GCD APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the Superintendent's appointment of the following applicants to the positions of Kindergarten Teacher and Grade Four Teacher in**

**accordance with Section GCD of the School Committee Bylaws as follows:**

**1. Trisha Minnella Kindergarten Teacher – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: For the 2012-13 school  
year,  
pending satisfactory completion of  
pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a new position**

**Funding: Operational Budget  
(10th Step/Masters)**

**2. Allison Drought Powers Grade Four Teacher - Rockwell**

**Effective: For the 2012-13 school  
year,  
pending satisfactory completion of  
pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a new position**

**Funding: Operational Budget  
(4th Step)**

**B. APPOINTMENTS:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Grade One Teacher, two Elementary Special Educators and Secondary Industrial Technology Teacher (3/5 time) as listed below:

**1. Pamela Jill Murphy Grade One Teacher – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: For the 2012-13 school year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a new position**

**Funding: Operational Budget  
(2nd Step)**

**2. Staci Rapko Special Educator – Colt Andrews**

**Effective: For the 2012-13 school year, pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a new position**

**Funding: Operational Budget  
(8th Step/Masters)**

**3. Kristin Cormier Correia Special Educator – Colt Andrews**

**Effective: For the 2012-13 school  
year only, pending satisfactory  
completion of pre-employment  
requirements**

**Reason: To fill a leave of absence  
vacancy  
(J. Davis)**

**Funding: Operational Budget  
(3rd Step)**

**4. Robert Geremia Industrial Technology Teacher (3/5  
time) –**

**Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: For the 2012-13 school  
year, pending satisfactory completion**



**of pre-employment requirements**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**(Resignation – S. Eaton)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**(10th Step)**

**C. APPOINTMENTS:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicant to the position of Elementary Head Teacher as listed below:

**1. Kelly A. Brum Head Teacher – Rockwell**

**Effective: For the 2012-13 school  
year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**D. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for

**the 2012-13 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):**

**FALL COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH**

**Sport Position Coach**

- 1. Football Asst. Coach George Andrade \***

**INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – KICKEMUIT MIDDLE**

**Sport Position Coach**

- 2. Cross Country Coach Brian Beausoleil**
- 3. Soccer (Boys) Coach Anthony Cambrola**
- 4. Soccer (Girls) Coach Nelson Teixeira \***

**ADVISORS – MT. HOPE HIGH**

- 5. Marching Band – Drum Line Instructor Ray Sartini**
- 6. Student Council Rebecca Moore**
- 7. Yearbook Laura Cabral**

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**E. SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals as Part Time Special Education Consultants for the 2012-13 school year contingent upon funding and student needs:**

**Name Position Funding**

**1. Nathan Dell Adaptive Physical Education/Private IDEA**

**F. CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for classified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

**TEACHER ASSISTANTS**

**1. Joy Winslow**

**CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE**

**2. Curtis Bland Sr.**

**3. Niles Gregory**

**Recommendation #S2012-37:** That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of four (4) Bristol families and two (2) Warren families to home school their

children for the 2012-2013 school year, adhering to all requirements as set forth by the Bristol Warren Regional School District.

**MOTION:** Mr. Saviano motioned to approve; Mrs. Campbell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1 with Mrs. McBride opposed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Silva mentioned there was no need to go into Executive Session as Mrs. Thies provided the updated Search, Interview, Selection Protocols to the committee. Mr. Silva stated that if the committee had any questions related to the additions, to contact Mrs. Thies directly. Mrs. Campbell thanked Mrs. Thies for her work on the protocols.

Mr. Saviano said it would not be necessary to enter into Executive Session for the Council 94 piece.

Mrs. Thies stated that tomorrow is the first day of school and encouraged everyone that the 2012-2013 year looks to be a very promising one.

## **ADJOURNMENT – 7:25 PM**

**MOTION:** There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM; seconded by Mr. Saviano. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Karen A. Lynch, Secretary**

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